Maine Revised Statutes

Title 22: HEALTH AND WELFARE

Chapter 250: CONTROL OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AND CONDITIONS HEADING: PL 1989, c. 487, §11 (rpr); 2005, c. 383, §1 (rpr)

§831. DEFINITIONS

As used in this subchapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings. [1997, c. 368, §1 (NEW).]

1. Bona fide occupational exposure. "Bona fide occupational exposure" means skin, eye, mucous membrane or parenteral contact of a person with the potentially infectious blood or other body fluids of another person that results from the performance of duties by the exposed person in the course of employment.

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[ 1997, c. 368, §1 (NEW) .]
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2. **Blood-borne pathogen test.** "Blood-borne pathogen test" means a test that indicates the presence of a specific blood-borne transmissible infectious agent.

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[ 1997, c. 368, §1 (NEW) .]
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3. Employer; employer of the person exposed. "Employer" or "employer of the person exposed" includes a self-employed person who is exposed to the potentially infectious blood or other body fluids of another person.

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[ 1997, c. 368, §1 (NEW) .]
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- **4. Informed consent.** "Informed consent" means consent that is:
- A. Based on an actual understanding by the person to be tested:
 - (1) That the test is being performed;
 - (2) Of the nature of the test;
 - (3) Of the persons to whom the results of that test may be disclosed;
 - (4) Of the purpose for which the test results may be used; and
 - (5) Of any reasonably foreseeable risks and benefits resulting from the test; and [1997, c.368, §1 (NEW).]
- B. Wholly voluntary and free from express or implied coercion. [1997, c. 368, §1 (NEW).]

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[ 1997, c. 368, §1 (NEW) .]
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5. **Person.** "Person" means any natural person, firm, corporation, partnership or other organization, association or group.

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[ 1997, c. 368, §1 (NEW) .]

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1997, c. 368, §1 (NEW).
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